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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/010,256	Applicant(s) Ian Nigel Harvey
	Examiner Yamir Encarnacion	Group Art Unit 2751

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to the papers filed on March 6, 2000.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12 (as renumbered).

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 14 is allowed because in addition to applicant's convincing arguments, after reconsidering, the examiner does not find that the "Prior Art" of record meets the limitation of: in response to a further request for allocation of memory space of cacheable or non-cacheable type, dynamically allocating a block of memory from a page of appropriate status; or if such a block is unavailable, dynamically allocating a block from a page having "free" status, the system thereafter changing the status of said page from "free" to "cacheable" or "non-cacheable" as the case may be.

Claims 15-20 are allowed because of their dependence on allowed claim 14. Claims 9-13 are allowed because these claims incorporate all the features of allowed claim 14.

As for applicant's arguments, it is noted that the paragraph on page 8 of the papers filed on March 6, 2000 starting with "It is respectfully submitted . . ." was interpreted by the examiner as shown in the amended paragraph below:

"It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the skilled person would not be inclined to combine Anthony with either Reinders or Weiser in order to achieve the objects of the present invention. In any event, it is further submitted that any such combination would [be] not lead to a system having all of the features recited independent claim 14 of the present application. [Amended] New claim [1] 9 also recites the above-described features and it is therefore submitted that this claim is also novel and inventive over the prior art."

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yamir Encarnacion whose telephone number is (703) 308-5466.

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